C W Eliot—

17 Quincy St.

3 June '78

Dear Dr. Gray:

I have mentioned to the Corporation your proposition about resigning the Fisher Professorship; but they greatly prefered the existing arrangement, & will not desire to change it unless at your express wish. They hope that you will be willing to hold the Fisher Professorship

and direct the Herbarium as

long as you live.

Very truly yours

Charles W. Eliot

Professor Asa Gray.

P.S. I am anxious about

those candidates for Ph.D. & S.D.
in natural history
& hope you will do everything

possible to defend us from

poor candidates. C.W.E.